

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0396
2938 E. 12TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped front-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, clipped front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts with a shed-roofed porch extension; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1939 for Walter and Ella B. Johnson. Walter J. Johnson was a chauffeur, who later went to work as a porter in the State Adjutant General's Office. He was a painter later in life, and died in 1982, while still living in this house. The house was then used as an office for a landscaping business.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey. The Commission asked staff to look into the history of this house further to determine if there was a greater connection with the neighboring church; there does not appear to be.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2015-0396
LOCATION: 2938 E 12TH STREET



1" = 192'

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2938 E. 12th Street
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2938 E. 12th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
June, 2015

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| 1992 | Harper Landscaping
James A. Harper, proprietor
NOTE: The directory shows James A. Harper living at 7008 Greenock Drive. |
| 1985-86 | Harper Landscaping
James A. Harper, proprietor
NOTE: The directory shows James A. Harper living at 7008 Greenock Drive. |
| 1981 | Walter J. and Mary P. Johnson, owners
Retired
NOTE: Harper Landscaping is listed at 2936 E. 12 th Street. |
| 1977 | Walter J. and Mary P. Johnson, owners
Painter |
| 1973 | Walter J. and Mary P. Johnson, owners
Painter |
| 1968 | Walter J. and Mary P. Johnson, owners
Painter |

1962	Walter J. and Mary P. Johnson, owners Painter
1959	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Painter
1955	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Painter
1952	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Laborer
1949	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners No occupation listed
1947	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Laborer, U.S. Selective Service, State Headquarters
1944-45	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners No occupation listed
1941	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Porter, State Adjutant General's Office NOTE: The house is listed as 3108 E. 12 th Street.
1940	Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson, owners Chauffeur NOTE: The house is listed as 3108 E. 12 th Street.
1939	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Walter J. and Ella B. Johnson are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Walter and Ella B. Johnson appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$900. The address is listed as 3108 E. 12th Street. Walter Johnson was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a porter at Camp Mabry. Ella Johnson was 32, had been born in Texas, and was a cook in a private home. With them lived Ella's brother, J.D. Ray, 28, who had been born in Texas and did odd jobs.

According to his 1982 death certificate, Walter Johnson was born January 1, 1900 in Travis County. He was living at this address at the time of his death, and was self-employed.

OWNER	Walter Johnson	ADDRESS	2938 E. 12th
PLAT	254	LOT S 312' of Walter Johnson Tr.	BLK --
SUBDIVISION	Unplatted		
OCCUPANCY	Utility room		
BLD PERMIT #	106515	DATE	1-22-68
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$250.00
CONTRACTOR	same	NO. OF FIXTURES	one
WATER TAP REC #	--	SEWER TAP REC #	--
	Frame addn. to res.		144 sq. ft.

Building permit to Walter Johnson for a frame addition (1968)